

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1. Applicant takes notice that the Examiner has accepted the drawings submitted with this application.
2. The specification has now been checked to assure that all numerals therein appear in the drawing figures and vice versa. Minor corrections of an obvious nature have been made for typographical errors in the specification and abstract.
3. Claim status: claims 1-9 are pending in this application, claims 1, 3, 5, 6 and 8 are rejected under 35 USC §102 while claims 2, 4, 7 and 9 are objected to. Claims 1, 4, 6, and 9 have now been amended to overcome the rejections and objections while claims 2, 3, 5, 7 and 8 have been cancelled.
4. The two independent claims: 1 and 6 have now been amended to recite the movement of a weight from one side to the alternate side of the balance bar. Such a weight may be a solid or a liquid, but the prior art references cited do not teach such. Therefore, claims 1 and 6 are now in condition for allowance and the claims 4 and 9 respectively depending on them are also in condition for allowance for the same reasons. Notice of allowance is now requested for these claims.
5. A petition and fee for extension of time in the present response of 3 months is enclosed herewith. Therefore this amendment is timely filed as of the date of deposit shown below.

Respectfully submitted,



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